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Theatre *rules* at Shelton

Damn Yankees should be a darn lot of fun



Under the watchful eyes of hair-designer Louis Janes (L) and costume designer Daryl Harris, Jennifer McGuff tries on her wig for the first time for her role as Meg Boyd in *Damn Yankees*

By Jessica Smith

Now that spring break is over, it seems that everyone is counting down the days until summer. With less than five weeks until finals, some students are frantically trying to get grades up before the end of the semester, others are straining to finish last minute assignments or projects, and of course for some, it's smooth sailing from here on out. As for the cast of *Damn Yankees*, they're counting down the days until OPENING NIGHT! With less than a week to prepare after a long break, it's crunch time for

this exhilarated cast of 31.

With over a week off from rehearsals, will the cast of *Damn Yankees* be ready by next week? “We’ll be ready. Spring break kept everyone from getting burned out. The show is really coming together well. It is very exciting and the music and dancing are great!” said Tom Canterbury, Assistant Stage Manager.

Theatre Tuscaloosa’s costume designer, Daryl Harris, is steadily working to finish the costumes for the show. For over 30 years, his fabulous designs have graced numerous stages throughout the U.S. and

around the world. From Sweden to Canada, California to Mississippi, St. Louis to New Orleans, this costume genius can light up any stage. “The costumes are based on the stereotypical imagery of the ‘50s to give the feel of the time. The lead characters in the show all have a look and color. Wholesome blues for Joe, hot pinks for the eccentric Sister and Doris and, of course, flaming red for the temptress Lola,” said Harris.

Even with several

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By Russell Frost and
Jessica Smith

As the year begins to come to a close, Dr. Tom Umphrey, president of Shelton, reflects on the past year and how things have improved and keep improving for the college, especially the theatre department. “I am very encouraged with the various events taking place within the theatre department. Our partnership with Theatre Tuscaloosa is very visible and beneficial. We are very proud of what all our faculty and students are doing in the arts”

One of the most anticipated events of the artistic and social calendar finally occurred on March 18, when stars fell on Shelton

State for the second annual Alabama Stage and Screen Hall of Fame. The glamorous guest list, glitzy decor and star studded performances proved to everyone involved that there is definitely “No Business Like Show Business.”

“The evening did everything that I expected it to do and even more,” said Paul Looney, executive producer of Theatre Tuscaloosa, which is certainly a testament to the growing success of the event. Honoring Alabama’s native sons and daughters, this year’s ceremony inducted four new honorees. Selected from a veritable cornucopia of talented artists, this year’s chosen few are definitely some of Alabama’s finest.

The inductees were selected by a distinguished



Chris Calloway, daughter of the late jazz legend Cab Calloway, did a delightful job as mistress of ceremonies

panel of arts advocates ranging from Mark Hughes Cobb of the *Tuscaloosa News*, to Becky Mullen, the

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Shelton theatre students probably had the greatest time of all soaking up the high-powered atmosphere of the Alabama Stage and Screen Hall of Fame Gala

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Lady Buccaneers make it to the final four!

Shelton State Lady Bucs advanced to the second round of the National Junior College Athletic Association Women's Division II Tournament after defeating Fredrick Community College 80—76 in a two-overtime adrenaline-pumping race to the finish.

Natisha Hardrick finished with 22 points while teammate

Gennifer Meeks led all scorers with 25.

On March 16, the Lady Bucs then went on to defeat Phoenix College 67—64.

Shelton State coach Madonna Thompson said her players were thrilled to be in the Final Four. “They’ve never even got further than finals of state,” Thompson said. “So

this is by far the biggest season they’ve ever achieved.”

Hardrick led all scorers with 29 points, Erica Edwards added 13 points and Meeks scored 10.

But that was as far as their winning streak went. The Lady Bucs then lost 72—69 to Johnson

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The *Courier* looks forward to 6 more issues this school year: two are scheduled for April. One each month is scheduled for May, June, July and August. Let us know what you would like to know about Shelton by calling the publisher at 391-2278 or the *Courier* editorial office at 391-2406. You may also visit the *Courier On-line* at http://www.shelton.cc.al.us/~courier/courier_main.html

"Keep Looking Up!"

By Dr. Lee Albritton



We tend to take our measurement of time by years and the division of a year into 12 months for granted or something that has just always been used! But it was the Babylonian astronomers some four thousand years ago that give us both the year and the 12 months!

These ancient astronomers noted that certain constellations were only visible at different time periods and the same constellation would be back in the sky some period of time later. By keeping track of the number of days that it took for a given constellation to return

to the same place in the night sky, the Babylonians figured out the length of the year! Today of course we know that a year is how long it takes Earth to orbit the Sun, and as we revolve around the Sun that is why we see different constellations during the year.

The Babylonian astronomers also noted that the Moon went through its four phases — New Moon, First Quarter, Full Moon and Last (or) Third Quarter — 12 complete times during a year. This observation led to dividing the year into 12 months. Today of course we know that the Moon orbits

Time and the ancient Babylonian astronomers

Earth, which causes it to have phases, and it takes approximately 29 1/2 days for the Moon to go from one phase back to that same phase!

April will be an excellent month to follow the Moon through its phase and the approximately one week that is required between each phase.

Keep looking up in April and follow the Moon across the sky night after night as the ancient Babylonian astronomers did! The Moon travels on the ecliptic, so as you follow it through the sky it will be easy to find the familiar constellations along the ecliptic!

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Program Director for the Alabama State Council on the Arts, to our very own Paul Looney. This year, inductees were John Badham (director of *Saturday Night Fever*), actress Polly Holliday (Flo, on the sitcom *Alice*), actress Nell Carter (Nell, on the TV series *Gimme A Break*) and actress Lois Wilson (star of the stage and screen with a career that lasted well over 50 years).

The evening began with a cocktail party held in the scene shop, which had been magically transformed into a luxurious reception hall, lavishly decorated with props, paintings, murals and grand scenery. This seemed to charge the energy of the evening with the attendance of stars such as international celebrity Clair Bloom, *Andy Griffith* star George "Goober" Lindsey, Chris Calloway, daughter of the late jazz legend Cab Calloway and Oscar nominated actress Mary Badham.

After a few cocktails and

getting to mix and mingle with the stars, guests were led into the Bean-Brown Theatre for the induction ceremony consisting of a production giving tribute to each



Courier theatre writer Jessica Smith and Mary Badham take time for a picture in spite of the continuous dancing

new inductee. Chris Calloway, Mistress of Ceremonies, delightfully set the tone for the evening. "I think that tonight is really special, because Alabamians are honoring Alabamians, and that is really important. I'm in awe of

tonight. This will be one of my golden memories forever," said Calloway.

Although none of the inductees were able to attend due to current projects and prior engagements, John Badham's little sister, Mary Badham, was on hand to accept the award on his behalf. Accompanied by a note from her brother, Ms. Badham read aloud his remarks expressing his gratitude for the award and apologies for not being able to attend. "I can't thank you all enough. This has been a beautiful evening. The show was so good and so professionally done," said Ms. Badham after the ceremony.

The evening reached its climax after the ceremony when all of the guests and stars alike retired to the glamorously decorated atrium for dinner and dancing. For many, this appeared to be the highlight of the event. Excitement filled the air as the upbeat tunes of Steve Sample's live jazz band quickly filled the dance floor to capacity with couples of all ages.

Everyone seemed to get in on the dancing, including Ms. Badham who said, "I love to see people dancing and having a good time, and

enjoy doing it myself." She proved this by being one of the first people on the dance floor and one of the last people off as she finally retired when the band packed up for the night.

As conversation and laughter filled the air, everyone seemed to be in complete merriment. "There were flashbulbs going off, press everywhere and everyone was in a happy mood, so it wasn't hard to get excited," said Looney, while recapping the night's events.

The night was continuously praised by everyone from guests to celebrities to the hard working staff that put the entire event together. "We honored a number of great people from Alabama. This was a wonderful occasion," said Dr. Tom Umphrey, president of Shelton. Doug Perry, managing director of

Theatre Tuscaloosa, said, "This year was far more successful than the first. We had more celebrities to attend and the evening flowed nicely. Everyone had a good time."

As the evening's splendored drew to a close, it was obvious that all in

attendance were sorry to see it end. Guests filtered slowly out, already anticipating next year's Gala event. Perhaps Kip Tyner, local TV personality and City Councilman, summed up the evening best by saying "This isn't just about Tuscaloosa, this is about the



Theatre instructor Michael Carr and his wife Laurie boogied during the Gala

entire state of Alabama. I'm hoping that the word will continue to travel and spread about how great an event this is, and I hope that it will continue to get bigger every year."

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volunteers, Harris still has his hands full year-round. Ruth McKinzey, Jeanette Robertson and Candy Stevens are all "supportive and consistent volunteers," said Harris. For many years, these three talented women have worked hand in hand with Harris to make shows a fantasizing reality.

Technical Director, Charlie Dennis, is also a part of this collaborative effort. Dennis is seen day and night in the Bean-Brown Theatre and back stage in the shop, building, constructing, painting, hammering and assembling set after set. Scenic designer Jesse Tilton designed the set for the show, and then Dennis makes it all a reality. The royal blue bleachers and red-hot baseball lockers definitely stand out on stage. "It's a very mobile set, with a lot of moveable pieces," said Dennis. With the help of his Stagecraft class and work-study students, Dennis never fails to get the job done.

Except for a couple of technical rehearsals to get lights and sound ready, and a few dress rehearsals to make sure costumes are ready to go, spring training is over for this bunch. "The magic of theatre will come together. The show is full of so much energy, and everyone should

come out and see it," said Amanda Anderson, a sophomore theatre major portraying the role of Lynch.

Damn Yankees will open April 12 and run through April 16 at the Bean-Brown Theatre. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets may be purchased over the phone by calling the box office at 391-2277 or in person at the box office, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"A funny and heart-warming musical fantasy which pits Devil against the Washington Senators, and a middle-aged the baseball fanatic who trades his soul for a chance to lead the Senators out of the cellar into a pennant race against the New York Yankees. When Joe Boyd is transformed into Joe Hardy, the baseball sensation of the year, he soon learns the life he gave up is more important than youth and fame. With a little help from the seductive Lola, Joe outwits the Devil and returns to the world he left behind -- but not before clinching the final game of the pennant race. With a rousing score that includes 'Whatever Lola Wants,' 'Heart' and 'Those Were the Good Old Days,' *Damn Yankees* is a home run hit."

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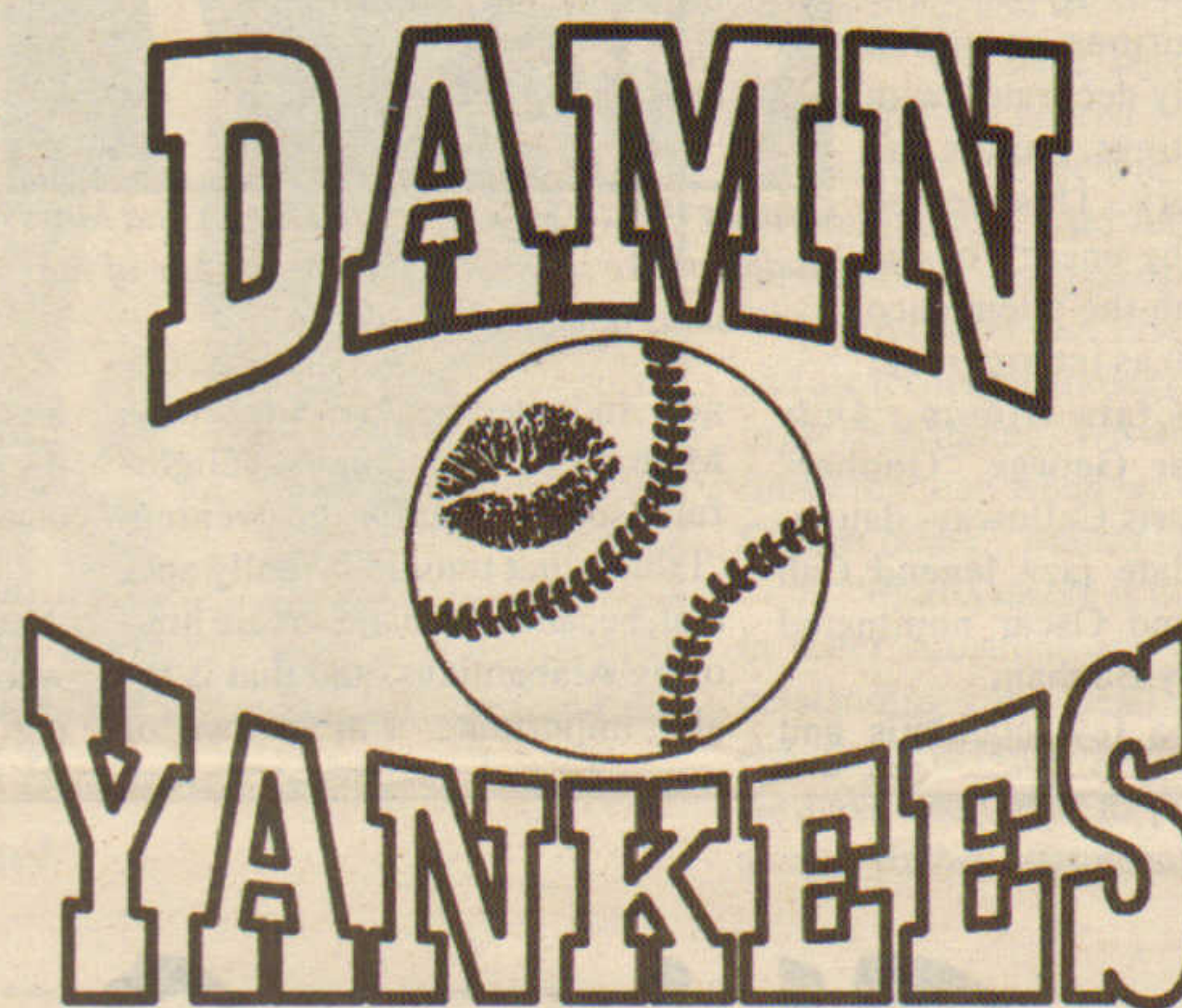


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Campus to hold library open house

The Fredd Campus Library will be sponsoring an open house on April 10 to help kick off the beginning of National Library Week.

"We hope to encourage students and faculty to come in and get to see the wide variety of information resources the Fredd Library has to offer," says Fredd library secretary Jean Mack.

She notes that besides offering Internet hook-ups and e-mail services, the Fredd Library is also able to provide access to the Alabama Virtual Library (AVL).

The Alabama Virtual Library is the state's \$3-million-dollar on-line service which provides access to thousands of reliable resources, including: full, text magazine articles, medical information and electronic reference books and encyclopedias.

During the open house, which runs from 9 a.m. to noon, Mack and other library staff will be available to introduce students and faculty to the various resources available through the Fredd Campus Library. They'll also be signing up people for library cards because April is Library Card Sign-Up Month at the Fredd Library. So, don't miss this great opportunity.

Barbering class learns the hot styles in Hot-lanta

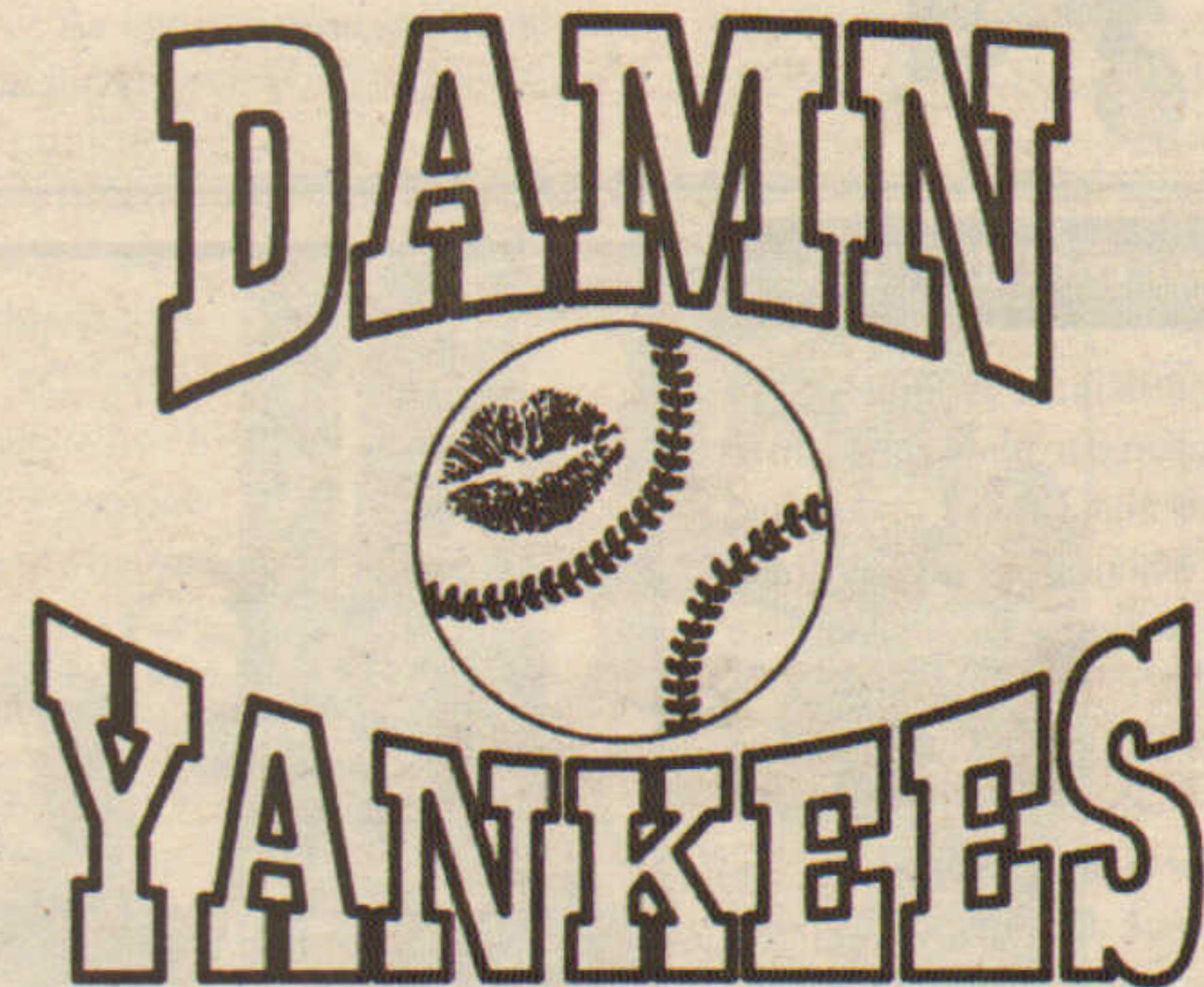
Recently about 20 of Toni Love's barbering students made a class trip to Atlanta to learn all of the hottest techniques at the Bronner Brothers International Beauty Show.

Love said the students got a lot of "product knowledge" from the experience. "They learned so much—styling techniques, hair-weaving, even management ideas. It was a wonderful experience for them, I think," Love said.

The extravaganza was held at the World Congress Center.

"They got to see the work of several platform stylists from different companies. And they were able to network with other students from across the country. We can teach them a lot in the classroom, but to be really be your best you need to see the world," Love said.

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Attention all students

If you would be interested in applying for the Outstanding Freshman or Outstanding Sophomore (Leo Sumner) Award, you need to stop wasting time because deadlines are quickly approaching. Applications are available in the Counseling Center and are due on April 14. Finalists will be notified and the winners will be announced during the Honors Ceremony on May 5, 2000.

Nursing students sponsor blood drive April 11

The Shelton State Association of Practical Nursing Students and student nurses will be sponsoring a blood drive April 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the D rooms off of the food court. Their goal is to reach 100 pints of blood. If you contribute to this goal, you will receive a t-shirt and a pizza coupon. So, don't miss your chance to give blood and receive free stuff at the same time.



Participating in the annual Cub scouts Fun Day is troop #204. These troop members include (L-R) Adam Dollar, Jordan Hammons, Evan Smith, Cory Rice, James McKenzie Jr., James McKenzie III, and Anne Dollar, Den leader. Tuscaloosa firefighters had their equipment on hand at the Alabama State Fire College on the Shelton State Campus. This year's theme was "Fire Safety" and the local firefighters held competitive events throughout the day.

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Sports

—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—

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County, Kansas in the semifinals. "We were not prepared to play with them in the first half and I don't understand why," said Thompson. "Everything we could do wrong in the first half, we did."

Following the defeat to Johnson County, the Lady Bucs fell in the consolation game against Illinois State 76-65. Hardrick led with a 27-point performance, while Meeks added 11.

"Out of 116 teams, we are number four," said Thompson. "We are happy, but are already planning for next year."

Hardrick was named to the all-tournament team and was also the leading scorer for the tournament.

"We were upset that we had to lose, but it felt good to go that far," said Jennifer "Frog" Whitehead, sophomore on the Lady Bucs.

"It was a new experience for me as a coach, the team as players and the program. It is also an excellent opportunity to improve the program," commented Thompson, "and take many memories along the way."



Final Four! Final Four! The Shelton State Lady Buccaneers had a lot to celebrate when they recently held their team banquet

Baseball off to 8-1 start in the conference

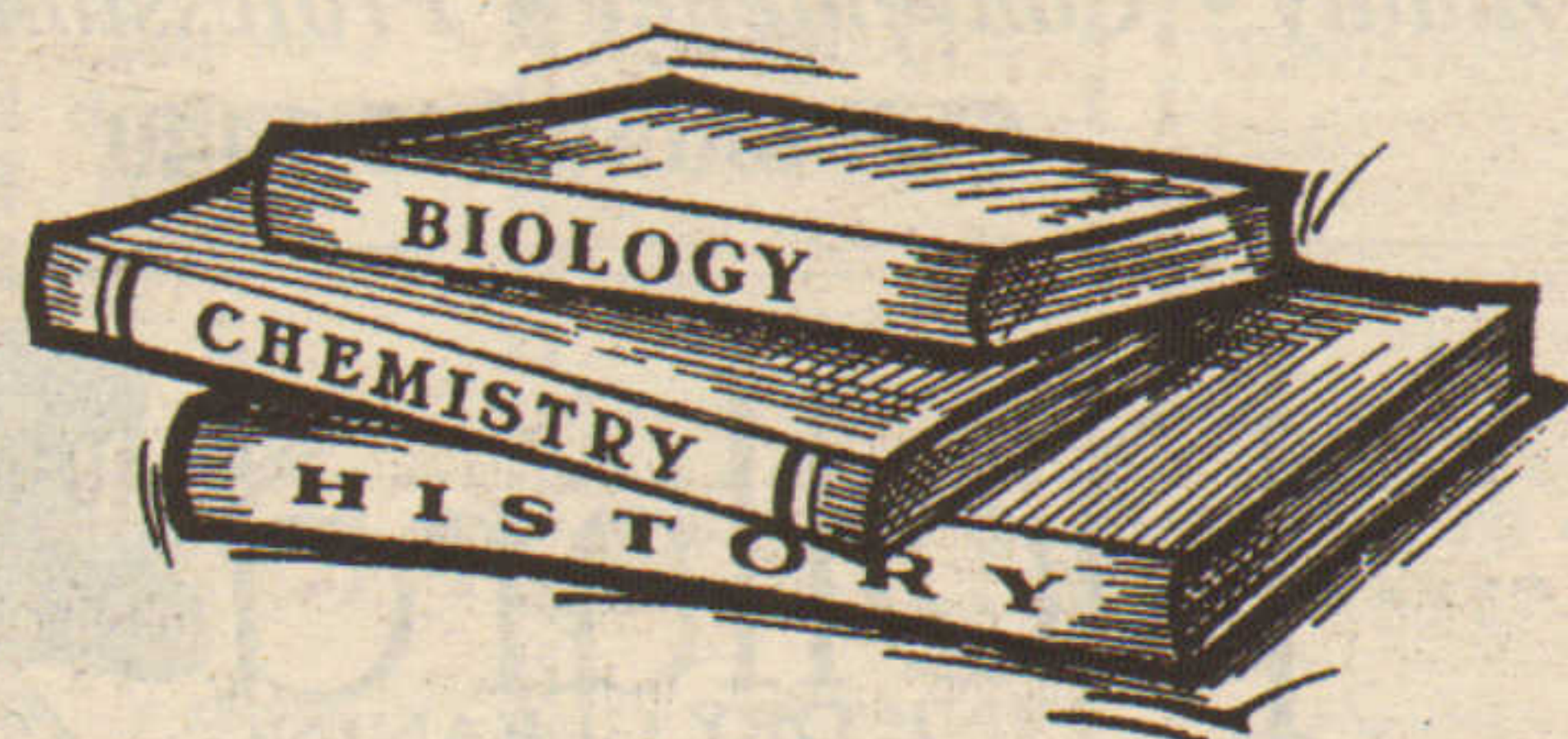
With a win in the first game of a doubleheader against Jeff State, the Buccaneers have posted an 8-1 Alabama junior college conference record early in the season.

"The pitching is really coming together, and we're playing as a team. We have been getting clutch hits in crucial situations. Different people seem to step up at different times," said Jeff Baines, sophomore from Oxford.

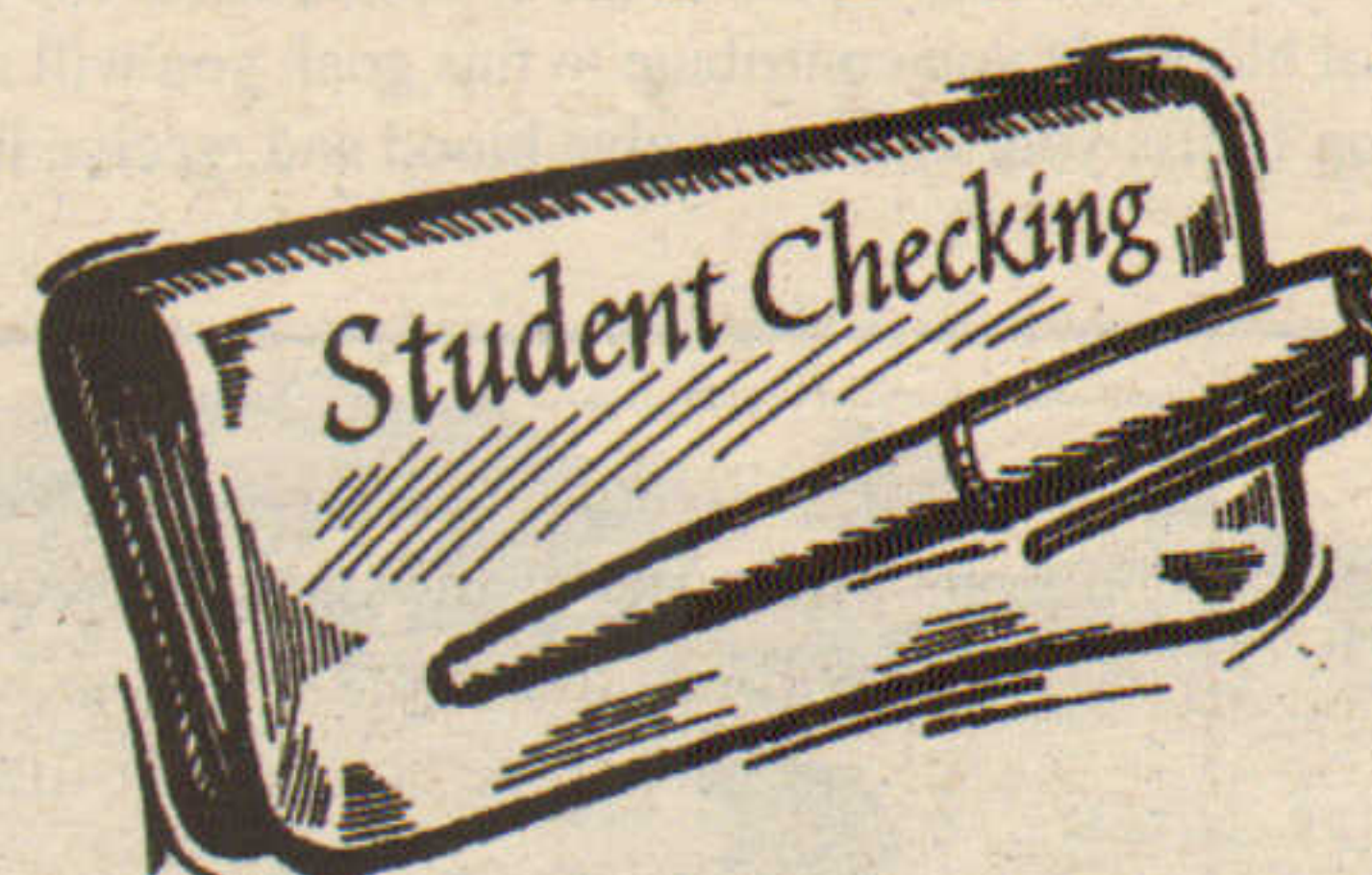
"We won that first game in and are leading in the second game in the sixth inning. We will have to finish that one when we play Jeff State at home," Baines said.

"Brad Sansom is coming on in relief situations and doing an outstanding job. And with the emergence of Nat Rogers as a closer we have been able to put games away," Baines commented.

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Shelton graduates first from welfare-to-work initiative

"This new welfare-to-work program is good, and I can certainly recommend Shelton's eight-week truck driving program. But I want to add something to that. Nobody is going to pull you in this program. You have to get up and move. Take the first step," says Meryl McElroy, one of the first graduates of West Alabama's new welfare-to-work initiative.

McElroy, who is originally from New York, moved to Eutaw a few years ago to look after her mother. "I was never on welfare while in New York. I had always been able to find a job. However, when I got to Eutaw, I couldn't find work. I'm a single mom with three children," said McElroy.

McElroy entered Shelton's short-term truck driving program earlier this year through a cooperative program between Community Services of West Alabama and Shelton State Community College. The program, "Work First," is funded through a \$420,000 grant by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs and serves people in Tuscaloosa and Greene counties.

People selected for the program receive supportive services of agencies involved, including transportation, child care, drug counseling, violence prevention, job and career training. Shelton State's role is to provide technical training to the participants in order to move them into the job market. Several eight-week short courses, including truck driving, have been offered this spring through the new program.

"Truck driving is a challenge, and I like challenges," said McElroy. "I've been a cashier, a manager, a nurse's aid and a teacher's aid in the past. But I had never driven a big truck before."

Much camaraderie has developed between the women in the program. Peggy Ivy of Northport first met McElroy in 1999 when both entered the Community Services Program. "We met and found we had a lot in common. I'm a single mom too with two children," Ivy said.

This week both women will graduate from the certificate program at Shelton State. Anxiously waiting to pass their road test, McElroy and Ivy will then receive their commercial driver's License. After that the next stop for them will be to find a job with a trucking

company.

"Several weeks ago, I almost gave up," said Ivy. "It's very hard trying to run that big truck. I stayed

Although still on welfare, both women look forward to the time when they have a job and can start making money in their new career.



Peggy Ivy (L) of Northport and Meryl McElroy from Eutaw talk with Mike Tusic, Shelton instructor, about driving the big rigs in the truck driving class at Shelton State Community College

with it, though. My instructors were patient and nice and helped me out. I know the tears got to come though when I get my certificate."

McElroy and Ivy are both looking forward to completing the program and looking for a job.

"Trucking companies pay 25—36 cents a mile. If you can drive 500 miles a day, that's good money," said McElroy. With this job comes not only personal satisfaction but the financial resources both women need to provide for their families.

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If any BCM members will be transferring to the University in the fall, there will be council positions open. If you think you might be interested, see Jennifer Young. BCM will also be helping with Habitat for Humanity. If there is an interest in this, come to a meeting and learn more about it.

Meetings are scheduled to be held on Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m. in front of the meeting rooms in the food court area. If anyone has any interest in BCM, contact Jennifer Young, the student minister.

Any other club wishing its news in the paper should contact the Courier at 391-2406.



Circle K is alive and busting with activity this semester. Some members have been helping with Miracle Riders, a therapeutic program to help handicapped or mentally challenged people.

March 18 was the Pancake Day sponsored by Kiwanis. There was a very big turnout and if you happened to miss it, you missed a great breakfast.

On various nights during the week, you will find at least one Circle K member helping serve dinner at the Salvation Army.

Meetings are Wednesdays at 12:15 in room 1413. Please come... we would love to have you. Circle K will also have a web site up and running very soon.



Phi Theta Kappa is an honorary society for two-year colleges. The qualifications needed include a GPA of 3.5 or better in a total of at least 12 semester hours.

If any PTK members would be interested in running for an office, elections will be held April 12 and 13 at 2 p.m. in the Kiwanis Room, which is located in the library. You need to prepare a short speech on why you would be a good officer.

In April, Phi Theta Kappa's International Convention will be held in Orlando.

If anyone is interested in becoming a part of Phi Theta Kappa, please see either Brenda Ryan, Linda Grote or Tracy Branch.

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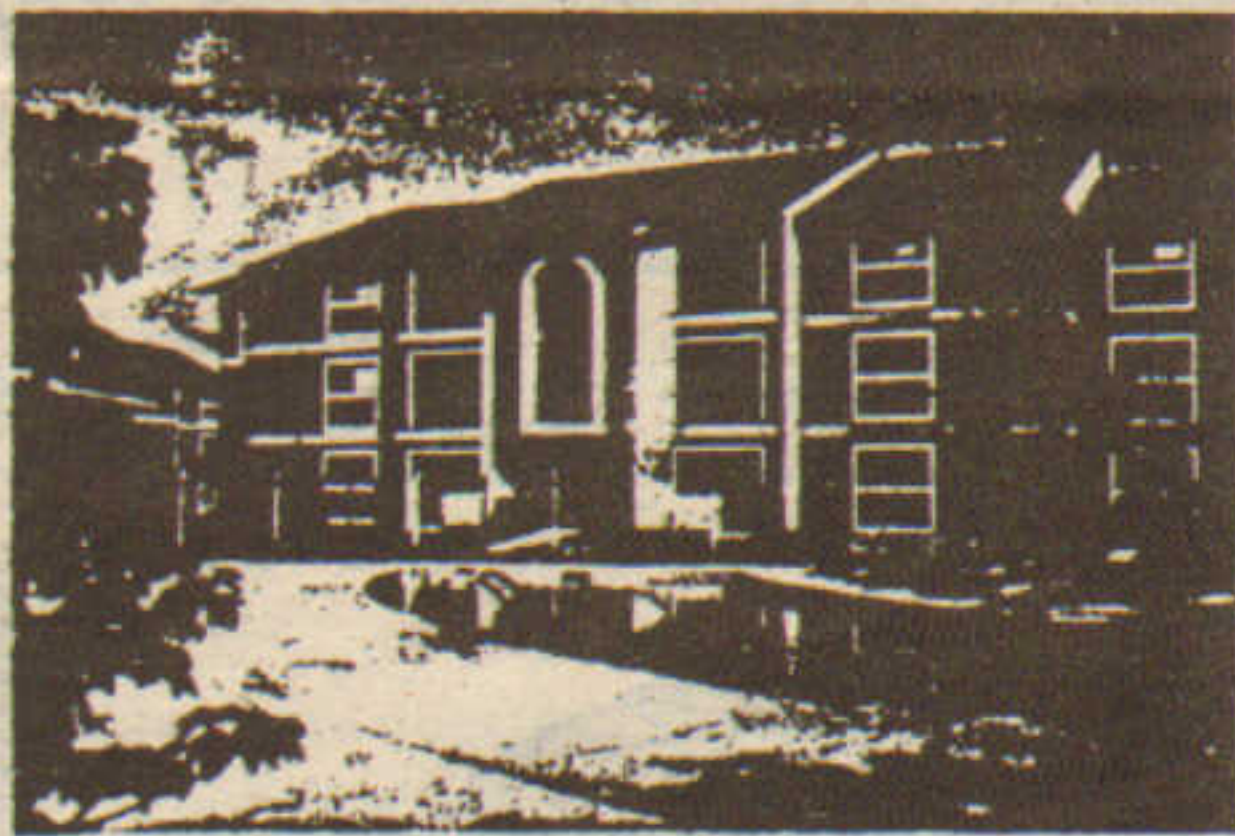
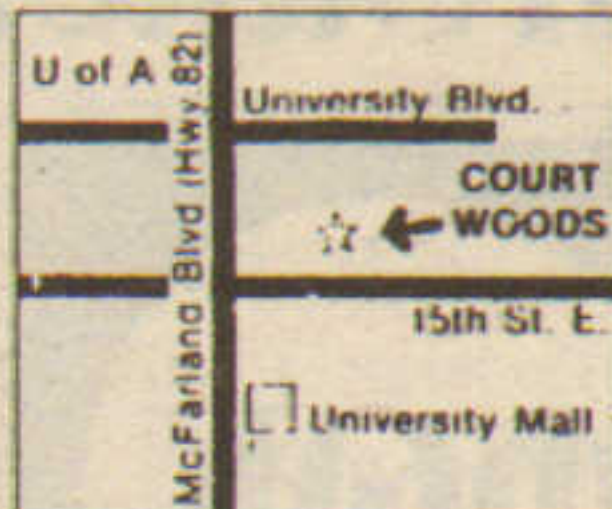
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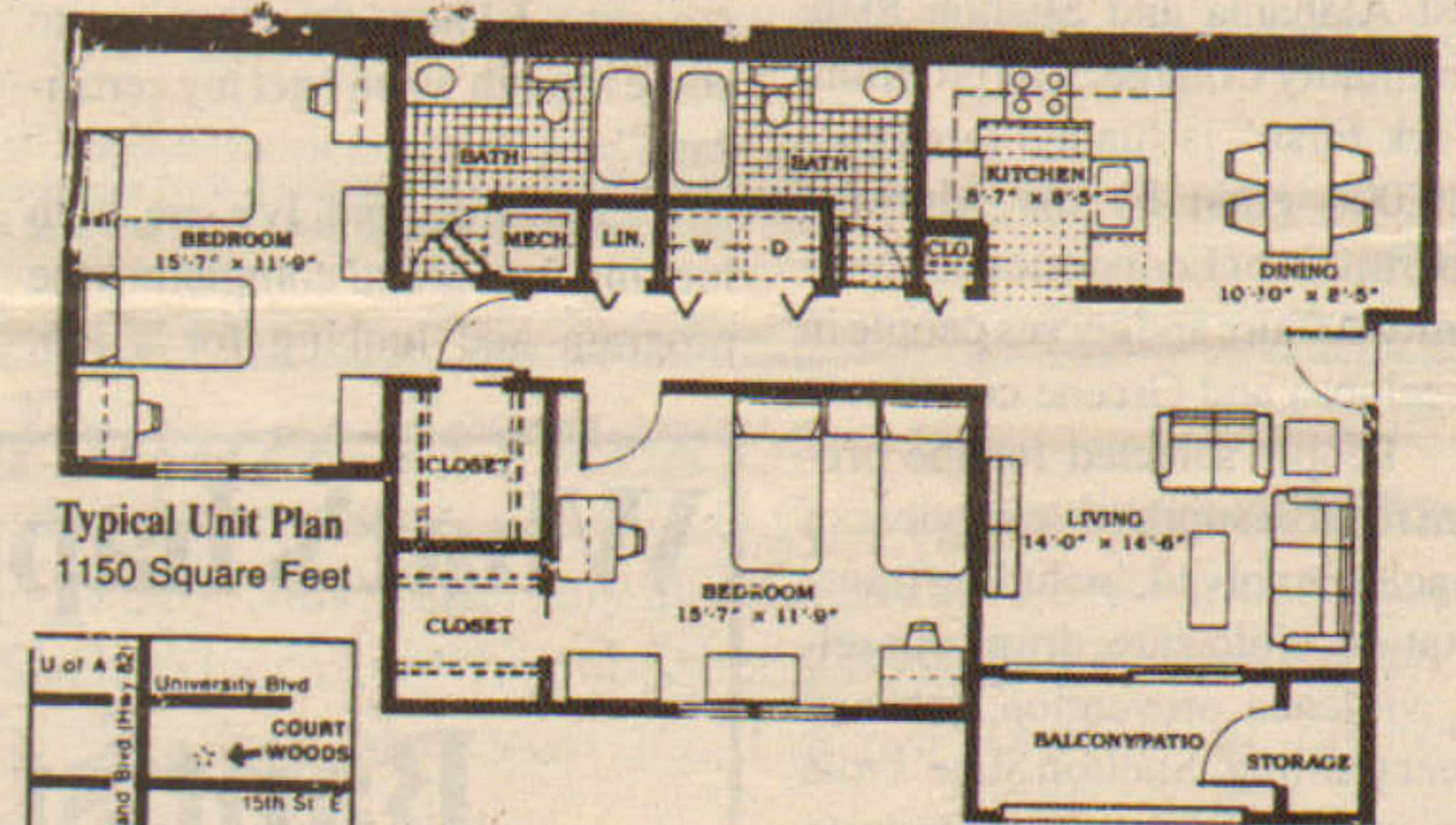
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